
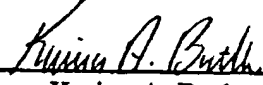


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Docket No: 2207009US2AP		
Application Serial Number: 10/091,659	Filing Date: 3/5/2002	Examiner: Chapman, J.	Art Unit: 3635			
Invention: COUNTERTOP ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	40	MINUS	40	0	\$25.00	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	4	0	\$100.00	\$0
<p>_____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> _____ one month (\$60.00) _____ three months (\$510.00) _____ two months (\$225.00) _____ four months (\$795.00) </p> <p>_____ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-0083</p>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0.00
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p>_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>_____ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.</p> <p>_____ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0083</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <u>3-18-05</u> Date </p> <p style="margin-left: 400px;">  Clay H. Cunningham Reg. No. 51,150 </p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or the correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, on <u>3/18/05</u>.</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">  Karina A. Butler </p>						

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**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION INCLUDING
ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS AFTER FINAL**

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 15, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following arguments and in the alternative, amendments indicated herein.